

Expedited Bill No. 16-06
Concerning: Fire and Rescue Services –
Training Standards
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) clarify that the Chief Administrative Officer determines the promotional standards for County merit system firefighters, which may differ from the core training standards applicable to both career and volunteer firefighters; and
- (2) generally provide for training standards for career and volunteer firefighters.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Services
Sec. 21-18, Training requirements and certification standards

EXPLANATION: **Boldface** indicates a heading or a defined term
 Underlining indicates text that is added to existing law by the original bill
 [Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by the original bill
 Double underlining indicates text that is added to the bill by amendment
 [[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment
 * * * indicates existing law unaffected by the bill

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following act:

1 **Sec 1. Section 21-18 is amended as follows:**

2 **21-18. Training requirements and certification standards.**

3 The County Executive, after receiving Commission approval under
4 Section 21-1(d)(4), must issue regulations establishing training requirements for
5 all active fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel in the Fire and
6 Rescue Service, including the local fire and rescue departments, consistent with
7 the Integrated Emergency Command Structure. The training requirements must
8 include core standards for eligibility for each rank. The core standards must
9 apply similarly to all personnel engaging in similar duties. However, the Chief
10 Administrative Officer, in administering the County merit system under Chapter
11 33, must adopt requirements for advancement and promotion for those fire,
12 rescue, and emergency medical services personnel who are members of the merit
13 system. Those requirements may include standards for advancement and
14 promotion in addition to the core standards that apply to all Fire and Rescue
15 Service personnel. The Chief must ensure that all feasible opportunities are
16 available for volunteers to meet the standards for advancement. The Chief must
17 report annually to the Commission, Executive, and Council on the availability
18 and implementation of County training programs for volunteer firefighters and
19 rescuers.

20 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

21 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate
22 protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date when it
23 becomes law.

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George L. Leventhal, President, County Council

Date

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Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

Date

30 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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33 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date